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Case No. 10773/66

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Matthew R. Cook et al.

Serial No.: 10/804,466

Filed: March 19, 2004

For: BULK CONTAINER  
ASSEMBLY

Attention: Manager,  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated June 1, 2004, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

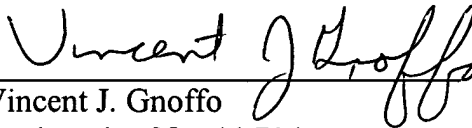


Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

- ☐ Applicant:
- ☐ claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.
- ☐ is other than small entity
- ☒ Checks totaling \$460 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$395.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$65.
- ☐ Additional Claim Fees of \$\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Oct. 8, 2004

  
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In re Appln. of: Matthew R. Cook et al.Appln. No.: 10/804,466Filed: March 19, 2004For: BULK CONTAINER ASSEMBLYAttorney Docket No: 10773/66Examiner: P. BuechnerArt Unit: 3754

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## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached is/are:

- ☒ Checks for \$460 to cover filing fee and surcharge and \$490 to cover petition fee; Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Reponse to Notice to File Missing Parts (2pp. Filed in Dup.); Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (2pp.); Second Preliminary Amendment (4pp.); Information Disclosure Statement (3pp.); PTO Form 1449 (1p.); Petition for 3 Mo. Ext. of Time (2pp. Filed in Dup.)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

## Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$490 for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Small Entity |           |    | Not a Small Entity |           |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----|--------------------|-----------|
|   | Claims Remaining After Amendment |       | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate         | Add'l Fee | or | Rate               | Add'l Fee |
| Total                                     | 16                               | Minus | 20                              | 0             | x \$9=       |           |    | x \$18=            |           |
| Indep.                                    | 2                                | Minus | 3                               | 0             | x 44=        |           |    | x \$84=            |           |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim |                                  |       |                                 |               | +\$150=      |           |    | +\$300=            |           |
|   |                                  |       |                                 |               | Total        | \$        |    | Total              | \$        |

## Fee payment:

- ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$460 and \$490 are enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Date

Oct. 8, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:2001 395.00 OP  
 02 FC:2051 65.00 OP

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$900** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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